

# THE EARTHWORM

THE PERIODIC NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDSOR (CT) GARDEN CLUB  
CELEBRATING **81** YEARS OF CONTINUOUS EXISTENCE



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## WORDS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

We hope that our rainy spring weather brings beautiful flowers and a glorious summer  
In all of our gardens.

Our Garden Mart was terrific. Thanks to all who shared their plants to sell and to the  
many club members who volunteered their time before, during, and after this very  
successful mart. We netted more than \$1,300 thanks to our coordinated effort on a  
sunny day that brought out interested current and future gardeners.

We encourage you to renew your membership by June 1, our traditional date for  
renewals and new members, and to take advantage of a variety of options to get  
together this summer:

It's always fun to see other garden designs and plantings, as well as enjoy one  
another's company, and we hope you will be able to join fellow members at one or  
more gatherings. Advance thanks to Marci Martin, Judy Sable, and Flo Barlow for  
opening their gardens to us for our summer optional meetings.

A special outing at Flower Power Farms, Saturday, June 1, 4-6 pm offers a behind-the-  
scenes tour and Flower Power the opportunity for WGC members to purchase plants at  
20% off the normal retail price on that date and time only.

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Volunteer – at the Farmer’s Market, the Strong-Howard House herb garden, the Garden Tour-A Midsummer Gardener’s Dream – or all of them!

Looking ahead to 2019-2020, Co-Vice-Presidents Maureen and Flo have been very active in planning next year’s speakers including one off-site meeting and a hands-on session as well, enhancements of more traditional educational programs.

Happy gardening! And see you soon.

Debbie Baker and Patty Crowley  
Co-Presidents

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## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Club’s scholarship committee has announced they have made a decision regarding the awarding of this year’s scholarship. The recipient will receive (on a surprised basis) the award during the annual scholarship assembly which is held at the High School.

This year’s recipient along with his or her parents have been invited to attend the June social meeting at Marci Martin’s home in Suffield.



## **SUMMER 2019 CLUB RELATED EVENTS**

The table below contains information about Club related events that will occur during the months of June, July and August.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
June 1, 2019	Field trip/tour/plant sale at Flower Power – route 5 in East Windsor. Please plan to arrive for a 4:00 PM start time. (3:30 meet-up time at the Senior Center for those who wish to car pool)
June 17, 2019	June 2019 summer social meeting – visit to Marci Martin’s home in Suffield. Her street address can be obtained by contacting a member of the Club’s Executive Board.
July 8, 2019	July 2019 summer social meeting will be at Judy Sable’s residence. (Street address is in the Club booklet.)
July 13, 2019	WGC Garden Tour – refer to the poster on the following page!
August 12, 2019	August 2019 summer social meeting will be at Flo Barlow’s estate. (Street address is in the Club booklet.)



# 2019 GARDEN TOUR

The Windsor Garden Club



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## A MIDSUMMER GARDENERS' DREAM

*A self-guided Garden Tour of exquisite garden spaces and a very special Sculpture Garden. Artisans featured throughout*

**SATURDAY, JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2019, 10<sup>AM</sup> TO 3<sup>PM</sup>  
RAIN OR SHINE**

**Advance Ticket Sale: \$15.00 | Day of Tour Ticket Sale: \$20.00**  
**Raffle Tickets: \$15.00 each 2 for \$25.00**  
**Children under 12: Free**

Garden Tour Tickets Available At:

Ashley's  
Jewelry

Windsor  
Chamber  
of Commerce

Blue Dragonfly

Garden Tour Tickets & Raffle Tickets  
Available At:

Windsor Town Green  
Windsor Garden Club Garden Mart  
May 11<sup>th</sup> 2019, 9<sup>AM</sup> to 2<sup>PM</sup>  
Day of Garden Tour  
July 13<sup>th</sup> 2019, 9<sup>AM</sup> to 1<sup>PM</sup>  
& on the Garden Club Website

Contact Phone# - (860)-219-9489 | [windsorgardenclubct.org](http://windsorgardenclubct.org)

### PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS TO WIN

Famous Windsor sculptor Lon Pelton, is creating a unique piece of garden art commemorating this Garden Tour to be raffled in conjunction with this event. Raffle tickets will be sold on July 13<sup>th</sup> from 9<sup>AM</sup>-1<sup>PM</sup> on the Windsor Town Green, and the Windsor Garden Club Garden Mart on May 11<sup>th</sup> 2019, 9<sup>AM</sup> - 2<sup>PM</sup>. The drawing will be held at 3:15<sup>PM</sup> on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> on the Windsor Town Green.

**Raffle Tickets: \$15.00 each or 2 for \$25.00**  
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Proceeds from this fundraising event are used for community educational programming and scholarships awarded to graduating seniors.

The Windsor Garden Club

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## **MEMBERS' VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Strong-Howard House Herb Garden**

Whether on the committee or not, you are welcome to join fellow WGC members in herb garden clean-ups at the Windsor Historical Society. Contact committee chair Laurie Durant at [meow06095@aol.com](mailto:meow06095@aol.com) if you are not already signed up and are interested in helping out on the following dates:

Friday, May 17, 9:30 am

Saturday, June 8, 9:30 am

Additional dates will be determined at those two sessions.

### **Farmer's Market**

Assist in promoting the WGC to potential new members and also provide information about invasive plants people should be aware of, contact Maureen Vagnini at [maureen.vagnini@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.vagnini@gmail.com) if you are interested and available on one or more of the following Thursdays:

June 27

July 18

August 1

August 15

September 12

### **Garden Tour**

If you have not signed up to assist with selling tour tickets or staffing a shift for garden check-in on Saturday, July 13, please contact Cindy Daniels at [cldressage95@gmail.com](mailto:cldressage95@gmail.com)



## **CLUB MEETING INFORMATION**

- Business meetings are typically held at the Windsor Senior Center, 599 Matianuck Avenue in Windsor.
- Meetings during September, October, November, March and April feature guest speakers. Social hour begins at 6:30 PM and the guest speaker begins their presentation at 7:00 PM. The Club conducts its business portion of the meeting after the guest speaker has finished. These meetings are free to anyone attending.
- The December meeting is a member only meeting during which Club members construct holiday wreaths.
- The February meeting is the annual "soup talk" meeting where members bring soups and breads to share. During this meeting there is a round-table discussion of plant and horticulture related topics.
- The May meeting is a member only meeting during which final plans are made for the annual Garden Mart plant sale. Also, attending members can participate in a plant swap.
- There is no Club meeting in January.
- Meetings during June, July and August are deemed to be only social meetings. These three meetings are typically held at the respective homes of Club members.

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## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**



Club membership is open to anyone who has an interest in plants, landscaping, horticulture and other related topics. Annual membership dues are \$20.00 for an individual and \$35.00 for a family. Renewal memberships are typically due June 1<sup>st</sup> while new memberships are accepted at any time. The current membership application form is available on the Club's website.

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## **REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE CLUB**



The members of the Windsor Garden Club are able and willing to provide both the design and installation of landscape beautification projects within Windsor. If you would like additional information about obtaining the Club's assistance, please download the information document and application form from the Club's website. (Word and PDF formats are available.)

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